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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), IS, PFOR
SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO ISRAELIS
REFERENCE: SECTO 8058

1. I DELIVERED MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL TO DINITZ EARLY THIS MORNING, EMPHASIZING THAT THE EARLIER MESSAGE TO THE ISRAELIS WAS FROM THE PRESIDENT, NOT FROM YOU. PARENTHETICALLY, I MUST CONFESS HERE THAT ANY MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THERE MAY HAVE BEEN WITH REGARD TO THE SOURCE OF THE EARLIER MESSAGE IS MY FAULT. WHILE I MADE CLEAR WHEN I TALKED TO SHALEV THAT I WAS "ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE, STRONGLY PROTESTING THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT REJECTS THE LATEST EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS," I THEN PRESENTED THE REMAINDER OF THE MESSAGE EXACTLY AS IT WAS CONTAINED IN SECTO 8032. THUS, WHEN I CAME TO SENTENCES SUCH AS "IN ADDITION ON THE ONE HAND THEY ARE ASKING ME TO SUPPORT THEIR LINE WITH THE EGYPTIANS . . ." I SUBSTITUTED THE WORDS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR "ME." I DID, OF COURSE, AS IN PARA 3 OF SECTO 8032 SPECIFICALLY USE "THE PRESIDENT"

WHEN IT WAS CONTAINED IN THE TEXT OF THE TELEGRAM. IN ANY
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EVENT, I HAVE EXPLAINED TO DINITZ THAT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING

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AS TO THE SOURCE OF THE EARLIER MESSAGE IS MY FAULT.

2. DINITZ UNDERTOOK TO PASS THE MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL

TO JERUSALEM IMMEDIATELY AND SAID HE HOPED TO HAVE A REACTION SOON. HE MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT HIMSELF, SAYING THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO PREJUDICE WHATEVER MESSAGE MIGHT COME FROM THE PRIME MINISTER. HE WAS VERY SOBER THROUGHOUT OUR CONVERSATION, AND AVOIDED HIS NORMAL ATTEMPTS TO ARGUE WITH ME ON THE MERITS OF THE CASE. I WILL SEND YOU THE ISRAELI REPLY AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED. INGERSOLL

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